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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend page 5, lines 6-14, as follows:

In the network surveillance video camera system, at least one of the video camera units may further include a microphone for receiving a sound signal around the each video camera unit and generating sound data from the sound signal, a comparator for comparing a level of the sound data with a reference, an alarm circuit for generating alarm data when the level exceeds the reference, and a switch for either transmitting the alarm data or not transmitting the alarm data to the network.

Please amend page 11, line 4, through page 16, line 8, as follows:

The camera unit 1b further includes a traffic detection circuit 35 responsive to the TCP/IP circuit 33 and the alarm monitor circuit 30 for detecting traffic of the network 2. When the amount of traffic is greater than a reference value, the traffic detection circuit 35 controls the server 32 to transmit only the necessary image of the video data regarding the alarm from the memory 31. That is, when the amount of traffic is greater than the reference value, the server 32 transmits the video data from the memory 31 when there is any of sensor signals or the motion detection signal to the network 2. When the amount of traffic is less than the reference value, the traffic detection circuit 35 controls the server 32 to ~~transmit~~ successively transmit the image of the video data. Moreover, in the normal condition, the sound data is transmitted with the video data substantially at the same time. However, if the amount of the traffic is greater than the reference value, the traffic detection circuit 35 may control the server 32 to transmit only the sound data and to inhibit transmission of the video data. On the other hand, the alarm data is separately transmitted by the TCP/IP circuit 33. Then, the control server 5 and the display terminal 4 are immediately supplied with the alarm data and image of the video data regarding the alarm ~~is surely transmitted~~. Then, the control server 5 increases the priority of the video camera transmitting the alarm data to suppress communication by other units coupled to the

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network to reduce the traffic. This provides successively transmitting the video data from the camera unit 1 transmitting the alarm to the display terminal 4.

The camera unit 1b further includes a comparator 56 and a switch 57. The comparator 56 compares the sound level of the sound data with a reference sound value. When the sound level is greater than the reference sound value, the alarm monitor circuit 30 generates the alarm data to transmit the alarm data to the network 2 if the switch 57 is closed. If the switch 57 is open, the alarm data indicative of the presence of a loud sound is not generated.

Please amend page 18, line 2, through page 19, line 3, as follows:

The control server 5 further includes a name table represents relation between addresses and names-name of camera units 1 to dynamically assign the physical address every power on. That is, when the control server 5 is turned on, the control server 5 broadcasts-broadcast a response request. Every camera units 1, the data storing terminal 4, and the display terminal 4 responds to this and successively transmits domain names. The control server 5 assigns the physical addresses managed by the control server 5 to the camera units 1, the data storing terminal 4, and the display terminal 4. That is, the control server 5 stores the domain names with respect to physical address as the name table 72. Then, the control server 5 informs the camera units 1, the data storing terminal 4, and the display terminal 4 of the physical addresses. Then, each of camera units 1 can use both of the domain name and the physical address. As mentioned above, the data storing terminal 3 and the display terminal 4 monitors the destination address transmitted through the network and acquires the video data and other data if the address is within the network surveillance video camera system. Moreover, the operator can command which image is to be displayed. That is, the operator operates the keyboard 46 to display the image from one of the camera units 1 by inputting the domain name of the camera unit 1. Moreover, the operator can reproduce the image from the data storing terminal 3 by operating the keyboard 46.